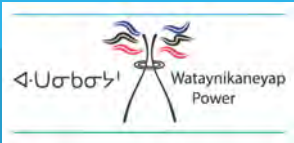




Making Ribbon skirts and shirts as part of OSLP's Pre-Employment Training Program.

# Wataynikaneyap Transmission Line Project & Opiikapawiin Services



Opiikapawiin Services LP provides a variety of services to Wataynikaneyap Power through a service agreement. Opiikapawiin is also providing support and facilitation to Wataynikaneyap's Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) Contractor, Valard, as they engage with the Participating First Nations on Indigenous Participation activities. Opiikapawiin is owned 100% by 24 First Nations. Opiikapawiin, Wataynikaneyap, and Valard are working together to maximize Indigenous Participation on the Wataynikaneyap Transmission Line Project.

Opiikapawiin's services include:

- employment and training
- community readiness
- business readiness
- community engagement
- communication

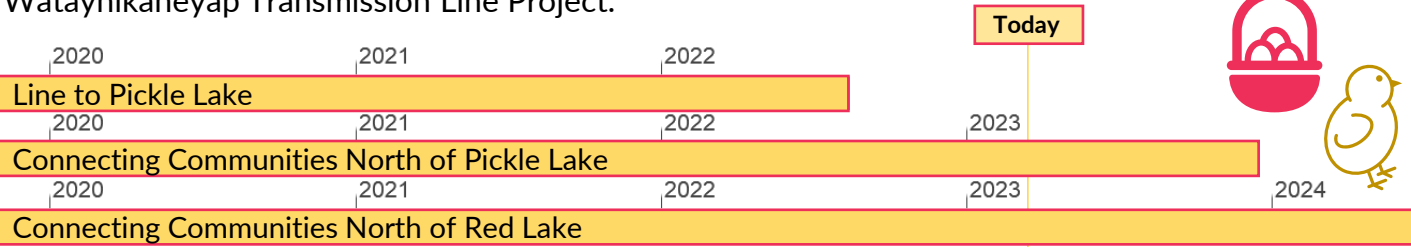


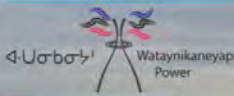
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Do you have a question or concern about the Wataynikaneyap Transmission Line Project?



Phone: 807-577-5955 ext. 117  
(don't forget to leave your contact information!)  
Email: [watayinquiries@wataypower.ca](mailto:watayinquiries@wataypower.ca)

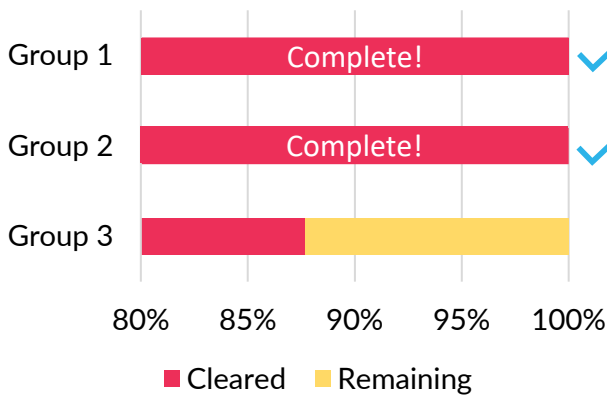
Your question or concern will be sent to the appropriate person or department. We will follow up with an answer or more information as quickly as we can!



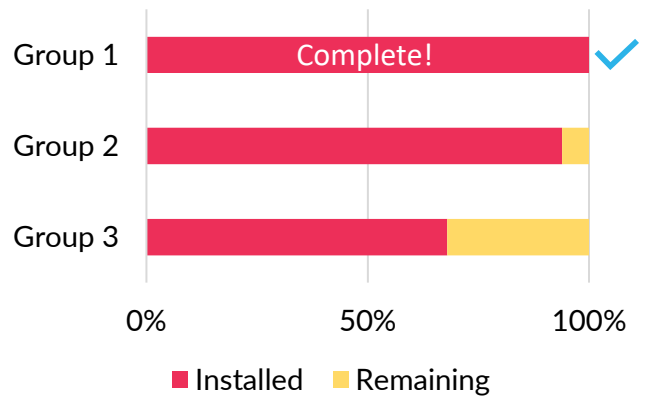
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*\* See map on the last page for the location of each "Group"*

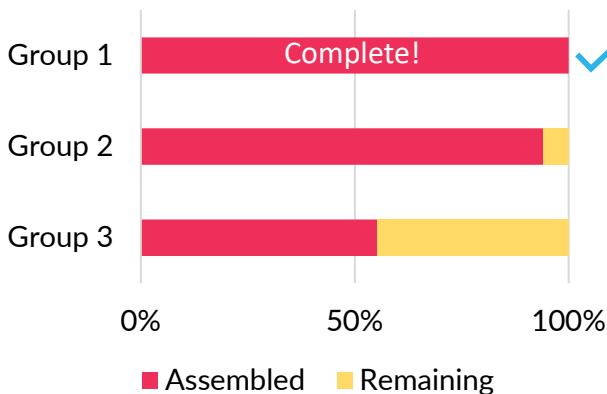
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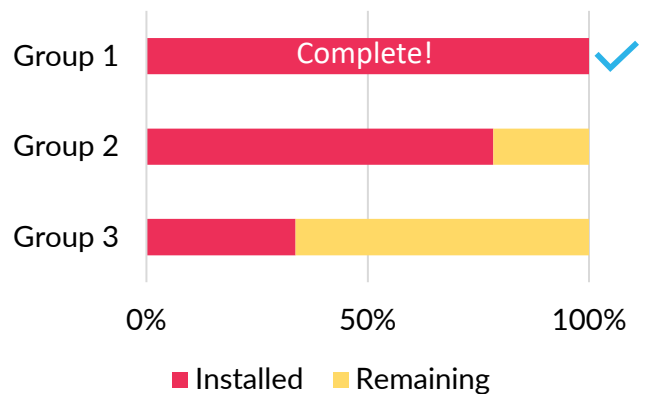
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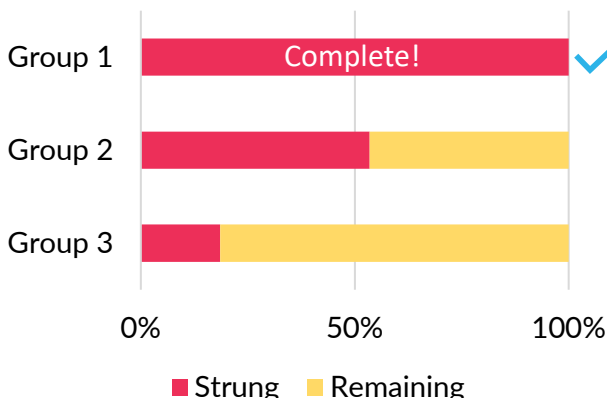
## Tower Assembly



## Tower Installation



## Line Stringing (# of Structures)



Valard began work on the Project in October of 2019 and has been making progress in the following areas:

- Design and Procurement of Materials
- Surveying and Clearing of the Right of Way
- Camp Setup and Services
- Foundation and Anchor Construction
- Tower Assembly
- Tower Installation
- Substation Preparation and Construction
- Material Delivery
- Stringing Activities



## Transmission Line Construction Photos

*Herman Nelson heaters ready to be flown to where they are needed (December 2022).*

*When concrete foundations are poured, they need to be heated for several days for proper curing. The crew will tent the foundation and run a chute from the Herman Nelson to the foundation. They also tent and heat the ground before the pour to ensure no ice will affect the concrete.*



*Slug anchor materials parked onsite. Slug anchors are used to anchor transmission towers to the ground. They are assembled with the anchor perpendicular to the still pipe, then buried with the top of the anchor exposed. The guy plates to the left will be attached to the end of the anchor. A guy wire from a tangent tower is then fastened to the guy plate to support the tower. (September 2022)*



*This is a tower laying on its side, rigged for installation. It is ready to be lifted by helicopter and flown to its foundation (September 2022).*

*On the line between Red Lake and Pikangikum First Nation, Powerline Technicians use special insulated tools to install protective grounds before working on the circuit. Note the glass electrical insulators. The insulators form an insulated barrier between the energized parts of an electric circuit and the towers. (September 2022).*



% complete as of March 3, 2023

- Civil
- Foundations
- Structural Steel
- Electrical



The following substations are 100% complete!

A (Dinorwic)

B (Pickle Lake)

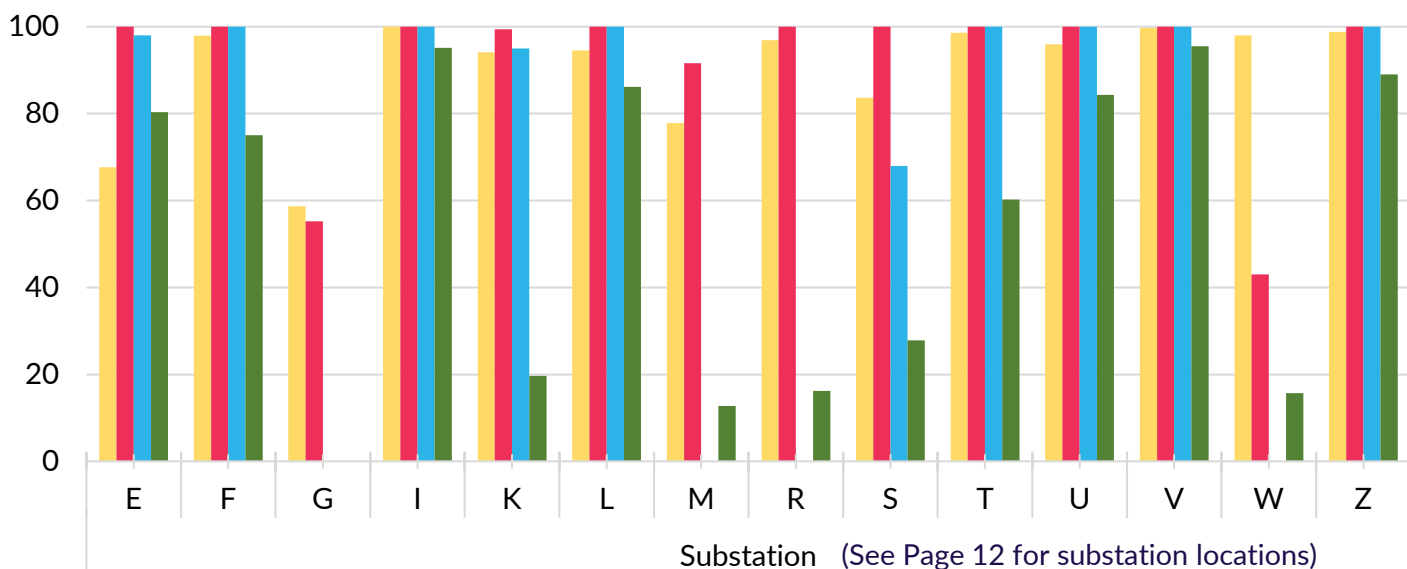
C (Pipestone)

D (North Caribou)

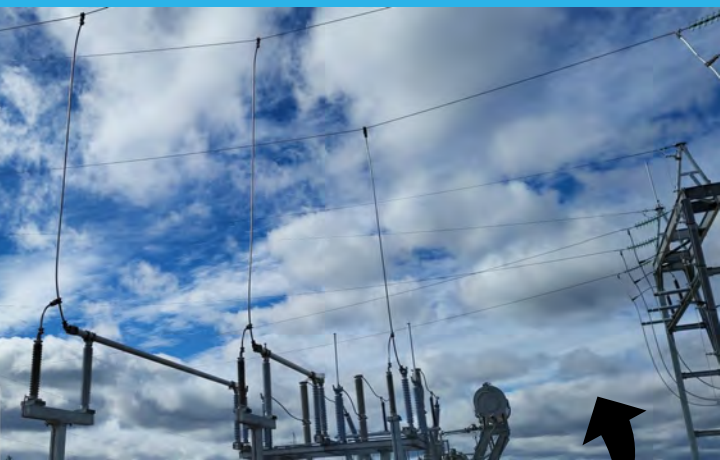
J (Kingfisher)

P (Red Lake), and

Q (Pikangikum)

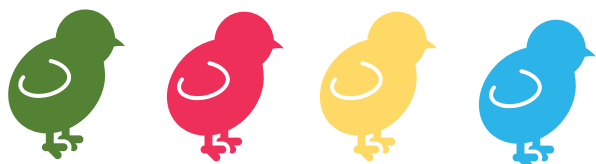


## Substation Photos



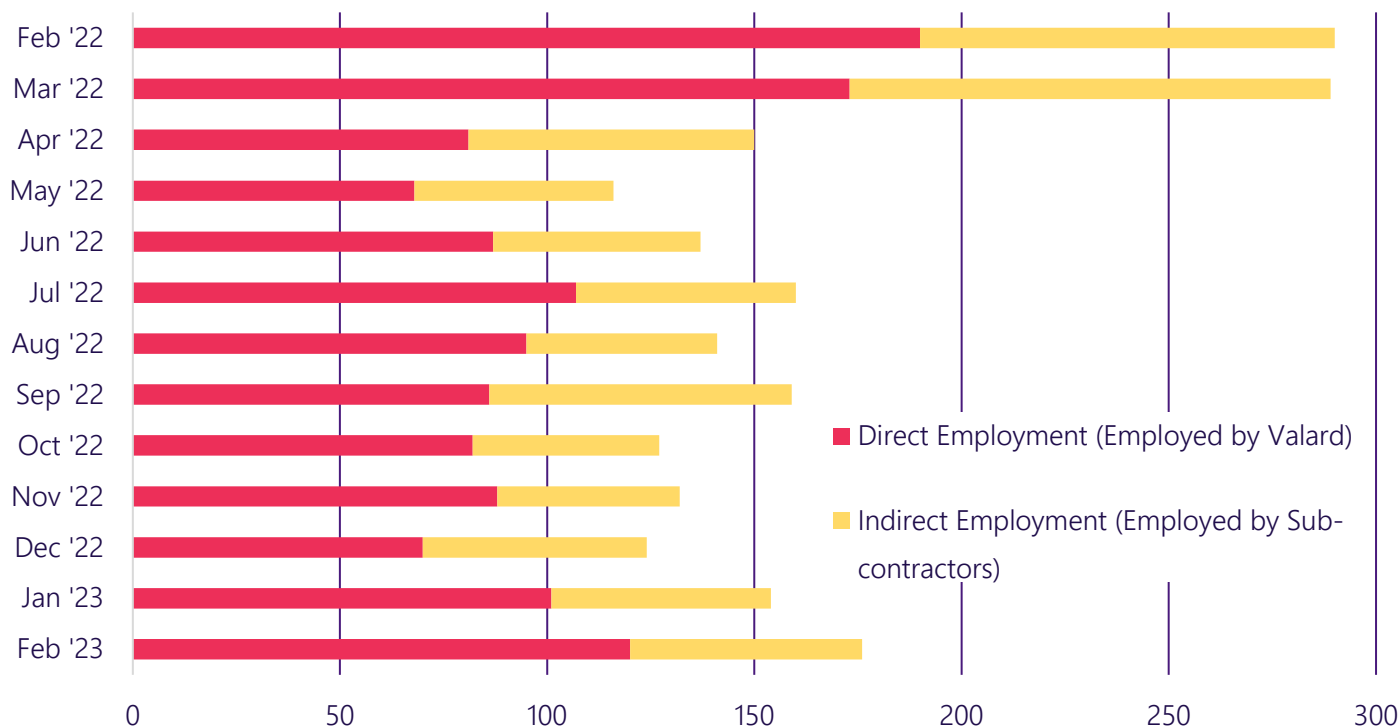
At Pipestone Substation (C) the substation's equipment is kept within a locked and fenced compound. The 115 kV wires are held high above the ground as an extra means of preventing animals or humans from accidentally touching them.

At Pipestone Substation (C), a worker completes the wiring on a motorized switch. This switch will be controlled remotely once in operation.





## Participating First Nation Employee Information (Up to Feb. 23, 2023)



Not all sub-contractors have provided information. The above includes any person who has charged time to the project.

## Active/Recent Job Postings

Interested in any of the below job postings?

Visit [www.oslp.ca/careers](http://www.oslp.ca/careers) OR email [projectjobs@oslp.ca](mailto:projectjobs@oslp.ca) OR ask your Community Liaison for information!

Company	Positions
<b>VALARD</b>	Indigenous Construction Liaison (For Groups 2 and 3 only); Dozer Operator; Fuel Truck Driver; Helical Pile Operator; Journeyman Crane Operator; Journeyman Carpenter/Plumber; Material Yard Labourer; Runner
<b>OUTLAND CAMPS AND CATERING</b> (JV Partner to 7 communities)	Camp Manager, Camp Administrator, Head Chef, Cooks, Bakers, Kitchen Support, Housekeeper, Janitor, Driver
<b>SYNTERRA SECURITY SOLUTIONS</b> (JV Partner to 6 communities)	Licensed Security Guard, Yard Attendant
<b>SIGFUSSON GROUP LP</b> (JV Partner to 9 communities)	Skilled Labourer, Dozer and Excavator Operators, Grader Operator, Foremen, Heavy Duty Mechanics, Service/Lube Techs

## Opiikapawiin Recruitment &amp; Retention Team

For assistance with employment related matters, contact Opiikapawiin's Employment team!

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## Labour Pool Database

**Add yourself to the Labour Pool Database!**

- Head to the labour pool site at: [www.oslp.ca/labour-pool](http://www.oslp.ca/labour-pool)
- Click the "Sign Up" button
- Once your profile has been approved, you will receive an email to reset your password (check your spam or junk folder)
- If your profile is not approved in a couple of days, please contact Elaine Keesick or Geoffrey Otto.

**Already in the Labour Pool Database?**

Don't forget to update your profile if your information changes, (address, email, phone, and resumé). It is important that all members in the database have an updated resumé uploaded to their profile.

**Forgot your Password?**

If you forget your password, you can reset it at any time at [www.oslp.ca/labour-pool](http://www.oslp.ca/labour-pool). Click the "forgot password" link, and the system will send you an email with a link to change your password.

## Pre-Employment Training (PET 10)



OSLP Recruitment and Retention Advisors, Geoffrey Otto and Karla Kakegamic, met with the PET 10 Trainees on March 7<sup>th</sup> to do a presentation outlining the supports that the Employment team offers, and to show them how to use the resume builder on the Labour Pool Database! Training started on March 6<sup>th</sup> and will continue until March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023.



## Pre-Employment Training (PET 9)

March 9<sup>th</sup> marked the graduation for our 9th Pre-Employment Training Program, which took place at Quetico Conference Centre over the course of four weeks.



*Samantha Keesic, North Spirit Lake*



*Darcy Kejick, North Spirit Lake*



*Joel Meekis, Sandy Lake*



*Kurri Mekanak, Kingfisher Lake*



*Katelyn Campbell, Poplar Hill*



### **Congratulations to all graduates!**

Ezra Kamenawatamin, Bearskin Lake; Kurri Mekanak, Kingfisher Lake; Darcy Kejick, North Spirit Lake; Samantha Keesic, North Spirit Lake; Katelyn Campbell, Poplar Hill; Joel Meekis, Sandy Lake.

PET 10 is also now underway at the Quetico Centre and participants will complete the program March 29, 2023. Stay tuned for other future PET training opportunities!



## 8 Some Wataynikaneyap and Opiikapawiin Services team members!

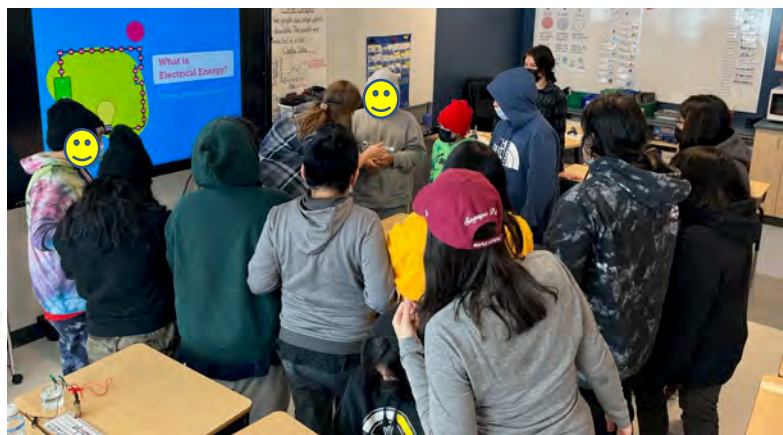


**From Left to Right:** Mike Jackson, Project Director, Wataynikaneyap; Kerri Wright, Human Resources, Wataynikaneyap; Nick Hammond, Health & Safety, Wataynikaneyap; Karen Saunders, Engagement, OSLP; Nancy Sooley, Environment, Wataynikaneyap; Duane Fecteau, Finance, Wataynikaneyap; Melissa Hanlon, Administrative, Wataynikaneyap; Greg Beharriell, Operations, Wataynikaneyap; Mike Jardine, COO, Wataynikaneyap; Margaret Kenequanash, CEO, Wataynikaneyap; Lucie Edwards, CEO, OSLP; Tim Lavoie, Indigenous Relations, FortisOntario; Lydia Big George, Indigenous Participation, OSLP; Aaron Kelly, Finance, OSLP; Laura Calmwind, Training, OSLP; Jon Schiffer, Finance, OSLP.

## Youth Engagement - Plugged In to a Brighter Future

Opiikapawiin, in partnership with the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO), Natural Resources Canada (NRCAN), and Relay Education have developed Plugged In to a Brighter Future workshops to bring education about the energy sector and renewable energy to youth ages 9-14. Youth will be better prepared for careers in the energy sector as their communities connect to the provincial grid.

OSLP coordinated a workshop delivery to students in KI on February 28<sup>th</sup>, and Wapekeka on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Topics included Safety Spark, Plug in the Sun, and youth participated in a Solar Car Design Challenge. The youth had some tough questions for the team about the Wataynikaneyap Project!





## Engagement

Opiikapawiin Services LP continues to schedule community information sessions to provide updates on the Wataynikaneyap Transmission Line Project. **We look forward to seeing you!**



Margaret Kenequanash and Chief Cornelius Benson.  
North Caribou Lake First Nation  
March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023



Jordan Davidson, Wataynikaneyap Transmission Engineer, trying to keep up with Margaret Kenequanash.  
Ojibway Nation of Saugeen  
March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023



North Caribou Lake First Nation, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023. Photo credit: David Jeremiah.

## Business Readiness and Procurement of Goods and Services

**If you have questions about business and economic development opportunities, please contact:**

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Office: (807) 474-3300 ext. 212  
Cell: (807) 633-9373

## Business Directory

Opiikapawiin Services LP maintains a business registry that contains Participating First Nation Business Profiles and is referred to as the **Wataynikaneyap Business Directory**. This Directory can be shared with potential contractors and/or subcontractors to help facilitate First Nation business opportunities.

**For information on how to register your Participating First Nation business or joint venture, please contact:**

Ivan Donio,  
*Indigenous Strategic Sourcing Advisor*  
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Hydro One Remote Communities Inc.

Visit our new website!  
[HydroOneRemotes.ca](http://HydroOneRemotes.ca)

## Exciting times!

Remotes currently serves 17 First Nations, and we are looking forward to providing excellent electrical service to more communities as the Watay powerline builds northward.

Poles, wire, Radial Boom Derrick (RBD) trucks and other equipment have been delivered during this winter road season to the communities we are planning to soon serve.



## What changes after Grid Connection?

There will be less noise,  
less air pollution, and more  
houses will be able to be  
hooked up.

Will there be other  
changes?

## Already a Hydro One Remotes customer?



- residential bills have the same rates & look the same
- same phone numbers to call for power outage, customer service & billing
- same First Nations Delivery Credit, and ability to apply for OESP and LEAP billing relief programs & Energy Star Appliance Rebate Program

## Is your community new to Hydro One Remotes? We look forward to serving you!

We will visit your community to talk together about everything:

- Welcome Package for you
- explain the programs and services we offer & that you will be eligible for, including the First Nations Delivery Credit, OESP & LEAP billing relief programs, & Energy Star Appliance Rebate Program
- once you are grid connected, we will measure the electricity use of each household & mail you a monthly bill

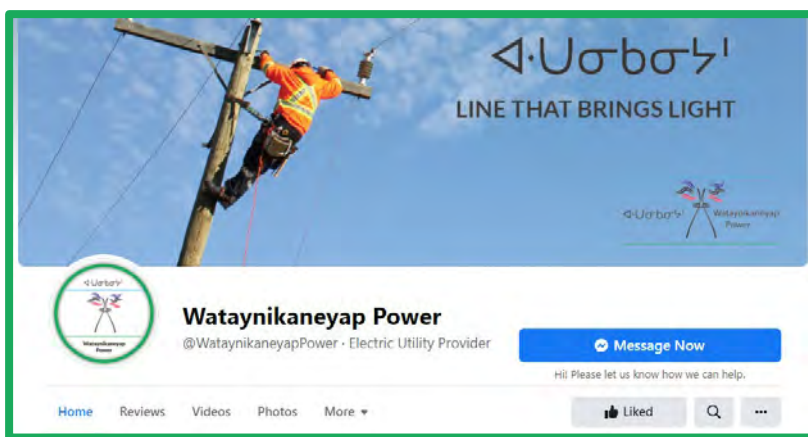


**Mail slow?** Call our Billing Department at 1-800-465-5085 to sign up for E-billing and have your electrical bills emailed to you instead!



**For more info visit** [www.HydroOneRemotes.ca](http://www.HydroOneRemotes.ca) or reach out to Gail Murray, Community Relations & Customer Program Coordinator at email: [Gail.Murray@HydroOne.com](mailto:Gail.Murray@HydroOne.com) or cell: 807.627.9736

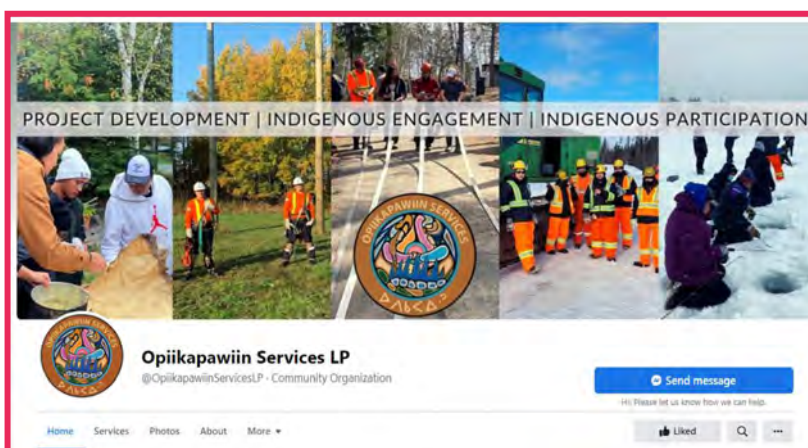




## Wataynikaneyap Power Facebook Page

[www.facebook.com/WataynikaneyapPower](http://www.facebook.com/WataynikaneyapPower)

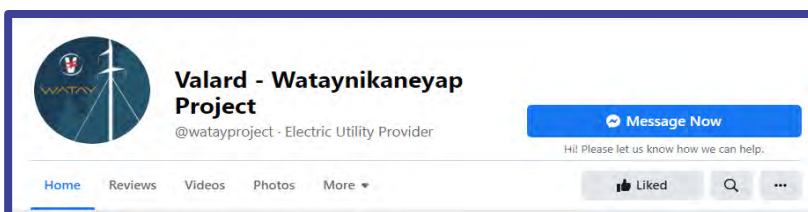
- Photos of project construction
- Project announcements and company updates
- Employment opportunities with Wataynikaneyap
- Fact sheets
- Videos



## Opiikapawiin Services Facebook Page

[www.facebook.com/OpiikapawinServicesLP](http://www.facebook.com/OpiikapawinServicesLP)

- Training opportunities with Opiikapawiin and Valard
- Job opportunities with Opiikapawiin, Valard, Wataynikaneyap, and subcontractors (when provided)
- Project announcements and company updates
- Information Flyers



## Valard Facebook Page

[www.facebook.com/watayproject](http://www.facebook.com/watayproject)

- Training opportunities with Valard
- Job opportunities with Valard
- Construction Photos

## Available Information Flyers

Information flyers are available in English and Anishiniimowin on the Opiikapawiin Services' website (link below) under "Information Bulletins"!

Substation Safety  
Permanent Access Plan  
Timber  
Steel Structures  
Right of Way (Clearing)  
Structure Assembly

Construction Camps  
Mobile Wastewater Treatment Plants  
Endangered Species Act (ESA) Permit  
Spills Awareness  
Transmission Line Steps  
Substation Steps



For a more detailed map of construction progress, visit:  
<https://www.oslp.ca/construction-progress>

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